23 January 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Southeast Asia Division Office of Economic Research

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Dear Mr.

I have just had the pleasure of reading your memorandum of 10 January 1974, "Hiring Black Professionals for OER". As you are certainly aware, this is a matter that has been, and remains, a source of serious concern to the management of the Agency.

Much has been written and spoken on this subject. It is my opinion, however, that your paper represents the most incisive and penetrating analysis of the problem facing us that as yet has been developed. Indeed, one can substitute "CIA" for "OER" in the title, and the paper is appropriately converted to a statement of the problem facing the total Agency.

I should like to extend my thanks and respect for your authorship. A copy of the paper is being sent to the Inspector General, who also represents the EEO responsibility, as well as the Director, DDO, and DD/S&T.

/s/ John F. Blake

John F. Blake
Associate Deputy Director
for
Management and Services

cc: Deputy Director for Intelligence Director of Economic Research

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